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SUBJECT: PROGRESS PARTY SPLIT PAPERED OVER

REF COPENHAGEN 2669

SUMMARY: GLISTRUP PREVENTED THE EXPECTED DEFECTION FROM HIS  
PROGRESS PARTY BY CAPITULATING TO THE DISSIDENT'S DEMANDS.

THE EFFECT OF THE CAPITULATION IS THE LOSS OF HIS CONTROL

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OVER THE PARTY'S MEMBERS VOTE ON CRITICAL ISSUES. END SUMMARY

1. THE EXPECTED SPLIT IN MOGENS GLISTRUP'S PROGRESS PARTY (REFTEL) WHICH HAD APPEARED AS A FAIT ACCOMPLI WAS AT LEAST ON THE SURFACE REPAIRED AFTER AN EIGHT AND A-HALF HOUR MEETING SPET 25 OF THE PARTY FOLKETING GROUP. THE PARTY WAS SAVED FROM THE THREATENED RESIGNATION OF THE FOUR DISSIDENTS WHO BROKE RANK ON SEPT 20 TO SAVE THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HOWEVER ONLY BY THE CAPITULATION OF GLISTRUP AND HIS SUPPORTERS TO THE DEMANDS OF THE FOUR.

2. IN A PRESS RELEASE AFTER THE MEETING IT WAS NOTED THAT NOT ONLY HAD UNRESERVED APOLOGIES BEEN MADE TO THE DISSIDENTS BUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF FREEDOM FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL PARLIAMENTARIAN TO VOTE ACCORDING TO THIS CONSCIENCE WAS ASKNOWLEDGED AS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE "PARTICULARLY IN QUESTIONS THAT MAY AFFECT THE VIABILITY OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT". WITH THAT CONCESSION MADE ALL 27 MEMBERS REAFFIRMED THEIR FAITH IN THE PARTY PRINCIPLES: ABOLITION OF INCOME TAX: CUTS IN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND INCREASED PUBLIC SAVINGS.

3. THE PROGRESS PARTY PARLIAMENTARIAN WHO SUFFERED MOST PERSONALLY FROM THE RECONCILIATION WAS SVEND BAY THE PARTY REPRESENTATIVE IN THE FOLKETING PRESIDUM (COMMENT: SOMEWHAT LIKE THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE) BAY HAD ALLEGED MOST STRONGLY THAT ONE OR MORE OF THE DISSIDENTS HAD BEEN SUBJECT TO POLITICAL BRIBERY. AS A PENANCE BAY HAD TO YIELD HIS PRESTIGIOUS PRESIDUM SEAT.

4. COMMENT: GLISTRUP'S OWN IMAGE WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT BURNISHED BY THIS CONTRETEMPS WHICH RESULTED IN HIS FORMAL ABDICATION OF CONTROL OF HIS PARTY ON THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUES. HE DID NEVERTHELESS SUCCEED IN RETAINING THE PARTY AS AN UNBROKEN PARLIAMENTARY ENTITY. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WILL VOTE WHEN HARTLINGS BUDGET IS SUBMITTED TO THE FOLKETING IN ABOUT A MONTH'S TIME. ALL MEMBERS OF GLISTRUPS PARTY WISH TO ACHIEVE THE SAVINGS IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES THAT WILL BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEVEN BILLION KRONER EXPENDITURE REDUCTION(ABOUT 1.2 BILLION DOLLARS) WHICH PASSED PARLIAMENT SEPT 20. ON THE OTHER HAND FAR LESS UNANIMITY IS ANTICIPATED ON WHERE AND HOW MUCH CUTS IN INDIVIDUAL WELFARE ITEMS ARE TO BE ACHIEVED.  
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